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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAKATA, Tetsuo**

Group Art Unit: **3636**

Serial No.: **10/651,223**

Examiner: **EDELL, Joseph F.**

Filed: **August 29, 2003**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7640

For: **SHELF ASSEMBLY, SHELF BODY, AND SHELF SUPPORT**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED AUGUST 10, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **August 10, 2004**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying Species I (Figures 1-4). Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 11 and 13 to 17 read on this species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims 1 to 6, 8 to 11 and 13 to 17 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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